GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:821
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ARMS AMMUNITION TRAFFICKING THROUGH NEPAL BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maoist insurgency and continuing internal disturbances have pushed up traffic in arms and ammunition through Nepal border as reported in Hindustan Times dated 18.02.2008;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) & (b): India-Nepal have open border. There are no inputs to suggest that persistent Maoist insurgency and internal disturbances in Nepal have pushed up smuggling of arms and ammunition through India-Nepal border.

(c): The Border Guarding force on India-Nepal border viz. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been given the task to ensure the border security. The State Government of U.P., Bihar and Uttarakhand have also been sensitized. SSB is working in close coordination with the State Governments and the respective District Administration. The Govt. of India is also keeping a close watch on the overall situation.